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**Faculty Senate
Minutes of April 4, 1989**

The meeting was called to order by Gary Foster at 2:05 p.m. in Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Student Union.

Present: Nancy McMillan, Gary Foster, Anthony Schaeffer, Pat Fewell, Michael Loudon, Kipp Kruse, Ron Sutliff, Luis Clay Mendez, Glenn Hild, Evelyn Goodrick,

Ed Marlow, Robert Barford, Laurent Gosselin, David Carpenter, John North

Visitors: Jeff Pombert; Reporter, Eastern Daily News

- I. Minutes of the March 28th meeting were approved, with the following corrections:
Glenn Hild was not present, and typing errors need to be corrected.

II. **Communications:**

A. Received from Tony Oseguera, a report on the International Concerns Committee. After discussion, the motion was made that the Faculty Senate notes the report from Dr. Oseguera, and the Faculty Senate will continue the International Concerns Committee for next year. (Loudon/Schaeffer) Motion carried. After further discussion it was noted that next year's Faculty Senate will appoint a new committee and committee chair to continue the work of the committee.

B. Received a call from James Tidwell regarding duplicating procedures/policies. After discussion, it was noted that there are guidelines for duplicating procedures and approval procedures available.

C. Received the minutes of the March 8 meeting and April 12 agenda for the Library Advisory Board.

III. **Old Business:**

A. Dr. Schaeffer reported on the Academic Computing Committee meeting, April 31. The committee received information on the ECN regarding the CDC machine purchased two years ago. This machine utilizes a new operating system which does not allow as many users as the old machine and operating system. The sentiment of the faculty of the meeting was to back out of the CDC machine and upgrade the IBM machine, as well as upgrade the communications mechanism for the ECN system. Another suggestion from the faculty at the meeting was the possibility of placing a mini computer and/or UNIX system on each campus and network these computers through ECN.

B. Dr. Loudon reported that the Faculty/Student Relations Committee met. Further discussion was held regarding development of means by which students could find out what is involved in a course beyond the course description in the college catalog. There will be a resolution coming before the student senate calling for each department to issue a course description, particularly for multi-section courses that have differences in them by the different approaches instructors may take with the subject matter presented. After this issue is addressed by the student senate, it will be presented to the faculty senate.

IV. **New Business:**

- A. President Rives did visit with the Faculty Senate. He did share several items with the Faculty Senate. Summer School is closed. The intention in closing summer school is that our enrollment remain stable. The cut off is designed to yield the same enrollment. Second, the Chancellor/Presidents meeting was held in Chicago yesterday. The Chancellor indicated he will be placing the copyrights and patents amendment to the Board Regulations on the May meeting agenda. He thought some good suggestions had been made, particularly by Eastern's Faculty Senate and intended to incorporate some of those recommendations in the revised amendments. The President distributed copies of the State of the University Report to the Faculty Senate members. The central issue of the report is the budgetary issue, which has not changed since President Rives last visit with the Faculty Senate. The President responded to questions from the Faculty Senators regarding increase in funding from the legislature. He is not optimistic for a tax increase, and if the legislature does send forward an increase for education, the governor does have a line item veto power. The President shared that in reviewing the cost study data recently from the Board of Higher Education it should be noted that Eastern is no longer the most "cost effective" university in the state, Illinois State University holds that position presently. I.S.U. is now lower in cost per credit hour than Eastern. In addressing the status of the S.U.E. Report, President Rives stated that this month they are reviewing each and every priority within the document. By summer his hope was to be very specific on the priorities within the report and their status, to be reported to the faculty at E.I.U.
- B. Faculty elections will be held April 5th and 6th in the University Union. Dr. Schaeffer distributed the schedule for the Faculty Senators to work the election table and reviewed the election procedures.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. The next Senate meeting will be April 11, 2:00 in the Martinsville Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia J. Fewell